Privatisation of rural development sector

2970. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAYYA;
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that keeping in view the failure of States to provide even minimum facilities for State Institutes of Rural Development when 100% recurring Central grant was available, Government proposes to privatise rural development sector;

(b) if so, whether States have been sounded in this regard;

(c) what is their response; and

(d) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Discussion in the WTO meet

2971. PROR M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the discussions in the WTO, so far, in regard to the textiles;

(b) whether the same proved beneficial or detrimental to our textile industries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) who are our international partners in the field of textiles;

(e) whether any agreement has been signed with those partners; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) Doha Ministerial Conference mandated an examination by the WTO's Council for Trade in Goods of two implementation proposals relating to the Agreement on Taxtiles and Clothing (ATC) for recommending appropriate action by 31 st July, 2002. The first